IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (new): A connecting shaft device comprising:

a connecting shaft including a fixed connecting part on one end, and a connecting part on the other end for connecting to a socket, and including an axial hole formed in said connecting part, and including two ball holes formed in two sides of said connecting part respectively and communicating with said axial hole thereof,

two positioning steel balls engaged in said ball holes of said connecting shaft respectively,

an axial rod slidably engaged into said axial hole of said connecting shaft, and including a first concave groove and a second concave groove formed in one end thereof in corresponding to said ball holes of said connecting shaft respectively, and

a sliding control element slidably engaged onto said connecting shaft and connected to said axial rod for moving said axial rod to slide relative to said connecting shaft, and to move said first and said second concave grooves to control said positioning steel balls either to fix the socket to said connecting shaft or to allow the socket to be rotated relative to said connecting shaft.

Claim 9 (new): The connecting shaft device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said sliding control element is a socket body slidably engaged onto said connecting shaft and includes a first positioning circular groove, a second positioning circular groove

and a third positioning circular groove formed therein, and includes a pivotal hole formed therein, and includes a groove hole formed therein and communicating with said axial hole thereof, said axial rod includes a pivotal hole formed therein, a positioning pivotal element is engaged into said groove hole of said connecting shaft and engaged into said pivotal holes of said sliding control element and said axial rod to connect said sliding control element to said axial rod, and a positioning rubber is engaged on said connecting shaft for selectively engaging with either of said first or said second or said third positioning circular groove of said sliding control element.

Claim 10 (new): The connecting shaft device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said two ball holes are formed in two opposite sides of said connecting part respectively.

Claim 11 (new): The connecting shaft device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said connecting shaft includes a shoulder formed therein for engaging with the socket.

Claim 12 (new): A connecting shaft device comprising:

a connecting shaft including a fixed connecting part on one end, and a connecting part on the other end for connecting to a socket, and including an axial hole formed in said connecting part, and including two ball holes formed in two sides of said connecting part respectively and communicating with said axial hole thereof, and including a shoulder formed therein for engaging with the socket, and including a groove hole formed therein and communicating with said axial hole thereof,

two positioning steel balls engaged in said ball holes of said

connecting shaft respectively,

an axial rod slidably engaged into said axial hole of said connecting shaft, and including a first concave groove and a second concave groove formed in one end thereof in corresponding to said ball holes of said connecting shaft respectively, and including a pivotal hole formed therein,

a sliding control element slidably engaged onto said connecting shaft, and

a positioning pivotal element engaged into said groove hole of said connecting shaft and engaged into said pivotal hole of said axial rod and connected to said sliding control element, to connect said sliding control element to said axial rod and for moving said axial rod to slide relative to said connecting shaft, and to move said first and said second concave grooves to control said positioning steel balls either to fix the socket to said connecting shaft or to allow the socket to be rotated relative to said connecting shaft.

Claim 13 (new): The connecting shaft device as claimed in claim 12, wherein said sliding control element is a socket body slidably engaged onto said connecting shaft and includes a first positioning circular groove, a second positioning circular groove and a third positioning circular groove formed therein, and a positioning rubber is engaged on said connecting shaft for selectively engaging with either of said first or said second or said third positioning circular groove of said sliding control element.

Claim 14 (new): The connecting shaft device as claimed in claim 12, wherein said two ball holes are formed in two opposite sides of said connecting part respectively.